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Understanding & Influencing the Transportation Process:

Biodiversity & Green Infrastructure in Project Planning, Design & Implementation

Hosted by the Chicago Wilderness Sustainability Team & CMAP

Friday, June 1st, 9:00am - noon (FREE)

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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Presenters/Panelists

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David Yocca, Conservation Design Forum, Inc.

Linda Huff, P.E. Huff & Huff

Welcome & Introduction: Putting it in Context

Randy Blankenhorn, CMAP & Jim Van der Kloot, CW Sustainability Team Co-Chair Kerry Leigh, Moderator

Agenda

Regional Transportation Planning (2030 RTP)

Scope and purpose of the RTP

How projects are selected for the RTP and why is it important

Level/type of environmental consideration & public influence on the process

Project Programming

Who decides which projects are funded

Role of the metropolitan planning agency

Level/type of environmental consideration & public influence on the process

Phase I Project Development, Phase II Design & Phase III Implementation

Key steps and constraints

Level/type of environmental consideration & public influence on the process

Stearns Rd. Bridge Case Study

How an infrastructure project can be seen as a win/win solution rather than a problem

Funding for the long term management of the systems & Lessons learned

Rt. 47/Kishwaukee River Corridor Case Study

How this process was different and lessons learned relating to policy and process

11:00 am Discussion on Influencing the Process

The discussion will focus on the identification of issues of concern and how they can be addressed at policy and process levels while recognizing the limits of both regulatory 'teeth' and funding levers